



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SARANGANI

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE MEASURES FOR EL NIÑO

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
SDO Section/Unit Heads and Staff
Public Elementary and Secondary Schoolheads

1. The Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA) has raised the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Alert and Warning System to El Niño Watch.

2. To protect the safety, health, and well-being of all personnel and learners, all DepEd offices and schools in Sarangani Province are instructed to undertake the following measures:

- a. Initiate preparedness and response measures that will mitigate the adverse impact of El Niño, such as:
 - i. Inspect the classroom ventilations ensuring natural air flow at all windows, safe space to mobilize and main doors are always open when classes are ongoing. Air-cooling devices such as electric and industrial fans, among others, shall be present in every classroom if possible;
 - ii. Outdoor activities that may lead to direct exposure to sunlight shall be discouraged to avoid exhaustion;
 - iii. Ensure the availability of enough safe drinking water in every classroom along with the application of wet towels, if possible, with constant temperature monitoring;
 - iv. Wearing light-colored, loose, simple, and decent clothes is highly recommended to lessen the absorption of sunlight;
 - v. Strictly observe basic water and energy conservation and report immediately to proper authorities if problems arise; and
 - vi. The wearing of prescribed DepEd uniforms of all personnel may not be strictly observed during this time, provided that they adhere



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to the Norms of Conduct of Public Officials and Employees stipulated in the Republic Act 6713 and to the Revised Dress Code Prescribed for all Government Officials and Employees in the Workplace under the Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 19, s. 2000.

- b. Monitor and regularly update the personnel and learners on the PAGASA's Heat Index and Weather Forecasts accessible through: <https://www.pagasa.gov.ph> and ensure adherence to Public Health Advisories that may be issued by the local and national health authorities.
 - c. Reinforce the dissemination of the IEC materials on preparedness measures for El Niño through all possible mediums including social media.
 - d. Develop, review, and enhance the Office/School Contingency Plan for El Niño.
3. For inquiries, contact Mr. Marlon P. Agad at 09663585680.
 4. Widest dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.


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Encl.: N o n e

Reference: N o n e

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